

## Meteorological Acronyms

AC	alto-cumulus (mid lvl cld 8,000ft - 18,000ft)
ACRS	across
AFD	area forecast discussion
AFT	afternoon
ALRDY	already
AS	alto-stratus (mid lvl cld see AC /rain vice showers)
AMS	air mass
APPRS	appears
ATTM	at-current-time
ATMS	atmosphere
BECM	become
BLV	believe
BNA	Nashville
BTR	better
CAA	cold air advection (bad weather summer/good weather winter)
CAT	category (normally five types)
CHA	Chattanooga
CHC	chance
CHNCES	chances
CLD	cloud (also clds also could)
CNCRNG	concerning
CONT	continuing
CONTS	continues
CRNT	current
CSV	Crossville
CU	cumulus (low lvl cld 1,000ft - 6,000ft)
CURNT	current
CUD	could
CWA	covered or current watch area
DIFS	differences
DURG	during
DVLPG	developing
ERN	eastern
ENUF	enough
FA	forecast area
FAVBRL	favorable
FCST	forecast
FM	from
FRH	fresh (as in latest)
FRNT	front (as in cold or warm front)
GSM	Great Smoky Mountains
GUD	good
H	hour (as in H10/ ten hours from now)
HI	High (as in pressure)
HIER	higher
HNDLNG	handling
INCRSES	increases also incrs also incrs
INSTBLTY	instability (normally bad weather)
INVRTD	inverted (as in upside down /low resembles a high) atmosphere)
INTRO	introduce
IR	infrared (as in type of picture)
KNQA	Millington Naval Air Station
ISOLD	isolated
KOHX	Old Hickory Radar
LI	lifted index (type of stability)
LK	like
LLVL	low level

LO	low
LT	late
LTL	little
LTR	later
LUKS	looks
MB	millibar (height 850MB=5,000FT, 700MB=10,000FT 500MB=18,000FT)
LV	leave
MD	middle (as in Middle TN)
MDLS	models
MEM	Memphis
MID	middle (as in height)
MN	main
MO	mostly (as in mostly cloudy)
MOR	Morristown
MOS	model output statistics
MOVS	moves
MRX	Morristown
MSTR	moisture
MTS	mountains
NEWD	northeastward
NGM	nested grid model
NMRS	numerous
NOTICD	noticed
NR	near
NRN	northern
OVR	over
PD	period
PICS	picture (as in satellite)
PIX	picture
PLCMT	placement
POP	probability of precipitation(expressed in per-centage)
PRECIP	precipitation
PRES	pressure
PRS	pressure
PROB	probably
PSBL(Y)	possible/possibly
PTRN	pattern
PVA	positive vorticity advection/unstable
QPF	quantitative precip forecast
QUESTNBL	questionable
R	rain (also R-as in light)
RCMD	recommend
RDGNG	ridging (as in High pressure)
RECMDS	recommendations
RGN	region
RH	Relative Humidity
RN	rain
SAT	satellite also Saturday
SCT(D)	scattered
SFC	surface
SHUD	should
SHWRS	showers
SLGT	slight
SNDG	sounding (as in upper air/balloon release)
SPRKLS	sprinkles
SRN	southern
STBL	stable (normally good weather)
S/W	short wave (upper level low pressure)
SYSTEM	system
TDA	today

TDY	today
TEMP	temperature
TM	time
TMRW	tomorrow
TNGT	tonight
TON	tonight
TREK	to cross
TRI	Tri-Cities (Bristol, Kingsport and Johnson City)
TROF	area of low pressure (valley)
TWD	toward
U/L	upper level
UPR	upper
UVV	upper vertical velocity
VLY	valley
W/	with
W/	will
W/CLD	with cloud
WAA	warm air advection
WDLY	widely
WDSPRD	wide spread
WK	weak
WL	will
WRN	western
WUD	would
WX	weather
XPCT	expect
XTND	extended
YDA	yesterday
Z	Zulu (as in time)
ZNS	zones